## The County of Centre PROCLAMATION

## **NUMBER 8 OF 2018**

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time requiring police, fire, or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters, and EMTs is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters, and EMTs is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Centre County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement, fire, and medical services personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Centre County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each Telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

WHEREAS, the work of these "unseen First Responders" is invaluable in emergency situations, and each of these dedicated men and women deserve our heartfelt appreciation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2018 as "National Telecommunicators' Week" in Centre County and joins in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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